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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/438,185
Filing Date	November 11, 1999
Examiner Name	Duffy, Patricia A.
First Named Inventor	Stephens, Richard S.
Group Art Unit	1645
Attorney Docket Number	018941-000411US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is filed with this response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11-22. Please add new claims 23-34, as follows.

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23.(New) An isolated *Chlamydia pneumoniae* protein comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1047.

24.(New) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 23, and a carrier.